

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A runflat tire having an axis of rotation, the tire comprising:

a pair of axially-spaced bead portions; each bead portion having a bead core;

a pair of axially-spaced sidewalls;

at least one body ply;

each of the sidewalls including a sidewall insert disposed axially inwardly of the at least one body ply; the sidewall inserts being adapted to support the sidewall in an uncollapsed runflat operating condition; the sidewall inserts being fabricated from a high modulus material; and

each of the sidewalls having a radial portion and a cantilever portion, the cantilever portion being cantilevered with respect to the bead core; the cantilever portion of the sidewall being configured such that a reference line tangent to the at least one body ply in the cantilever portion of the sidewall is disposed at an angle in the range of +30 degrees to -30 degrees with respect to the axis of rotation of the tire.

2. (original) The tire of claim 1, wherein the cantilever portion includes a portion of the sidewall insert.

3. (original) The tire of claim 2, wherein the sidewall insert includes a cantilevered portion disposed in the cantilever portion of the sidewall.

4. (original) The tire of claim 3, wherein the sidewall insert includes an axially inner end disposed adjacent the radially outer end of the bead portion.

5. (canceled)

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